3: Rasmussen--48 [4] (c. 1923) 1932 Copper Eskimo
116, 501, 777

"The first time a man goes out in a newly-covered kayak he must make water on its stern and put soft hairs from a lemming nest into the kayak. These hairs must be placed in under the ribs of the kayak under the skin, Ermalit, on which he himself sits.

Otherwise a special kayak amulet is the skin of a red-throated diver. It must be pushed right into the kayak in front of the skin one sits on. A bee may also be put there; it must not have been sewn up in skin, but must have a thin line of skin round it. Finally, one may also place a blown-up seal or caribou bladder in the part of the kayak."

1: Jenness--180 (1913-16) 1922 Copper Eskimo
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"If the Copper Eskimos see a rainbow while they are out hunting they throw a small piece of skin from the belly of a deer toward it, to win its favour and give them good luck."

3: Rasmussen--48 [5] (c. 1923) 1932 Copper Eskimo
116, 224, 777

"For a boy a toy is made out of the metacarpal bones of a seal, a thong being run through them; these the boy throws about outside. If the bones have been taken from a seal caught by a good hunter they will give the boy luck when sealing in later life.

A piece of the 'velvet' of a caribou horn, lost during the period when the animals have this covering, is a good amulet for a boy, who will become a skilful caribou hunter."

"If it is desired that a child should have long hair, one is taken from its head and thrown into a river so that it will drift downstream.

Some boys must always wear their hair long; if it is cut, their life spirit is also cut over. Sometimes there is a special reason for this custom. Netsit was once nearly killed by an accidental shot, and his foster father decreed that his hair should never be cut.

A man who on his shoulder wears amulets of a young fox and the gall of a she-bear without young, will never be attacked by black bears. [49]

If a ptarmigan is placed on an infant boy's back and quickly taken away again, it will become the boy's pugjut: that by which the child can bob down and become invisible; his enemies will than go right past him without seeing him. The beak alone, or the head and foot of the ptarmigan, will be worn by him as an amulet.

The small snails one finds in the country are hung round the necks of dogs as amulets. A dog with an amulet of this kind will notice at once when bad weather is approaching; it will become restless and warn its master.

A boy must have the head of an ermine fastened to his cap; this will make him clever at catching ermines.

Near the part of the chest that moves when breathing small boys must have a lock of hair or an old man or woman sewn on. This gives vigour.

Young men and women must now and then swallow the spittle of an old man or woman. This will give them vigour."